

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. TUBERVILLE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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**A BILL**

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Homecare  
5 Choice Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. RECOGNITION OF NURSE REGISTRIES FOR PUR-**  
2 **POSES OF VETERANS COMMUNITY CARE PRO-**  
3 **GRAM.**

4 Section 1703 of title 38, United States Code, is  
5 amended—

6 (1) in subsection (c)—

7 (A) by redesignating paragraph (5) as  
8 paragraph (6); and

9 (B) by inserting after paragraph (4) the  
10 following new paragraph:

11 “(5) Any nurse registry, including any reg-  
12 istered nurse, licensed practical nurse, certified nurs-  
13 ing assistant, home health aide, companion, or  
14 homemaker furnishing services through a nurse reg-  
15 istry.”; and

16 (2) in subsection (o), by adding at the end the  
17 following new paragraph:

18 “(3) The term ‘nurse registry’ means a person  
19 that—

20 “(A) procures, or attempts to procure, con-  
21 tracts or other agreements on behalf of reg-  
22 istered nurses, licensed practical nurses, cer-  
23 tified nursing assistants, home health aides,  
24 companions, or homemakers, under which such  
25 individuals may provide health care-related or  
26 assistive services (including such services pro-

1 vided directly to patients or in support of health  
2 care facilities) and receive compensation for  
3 such services; and

4 “(B) satisfies any applicable State licen-  
5 sure requirement.”.